

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

26. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for managing risk related to an online transaction associated with an online marketplace, the method comprising:

receiving into a computer system data descriptive of the online transaction associated with the online marketplace comprising:

an amount of money involved in the online transaction;

a geographic location of a market participant associated with the online transaction;

government regulations associated with the online transaction; and

one or more currencies involved in the online transaction;

receiving into the computer system an identifier of one or more market participants associated with the online transaction;

receiving into the computer system risk data, wherein said risk data is generally related to at least one of: regulatory risk and risk associated with a cost to defend an adverse position;

associating a portion of the risk data with at least one of: the data descriptive of the online transaction and the identifier of one or more market participants associated with the online transaction; and

generating a report comprising the portion of the risk data which is associated with at least one of: the data descriptive of the online transaction and the identifier of one or more market participants associated with the online transaction.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the data descriptive of the online transaction is received from one or more of an online retailer; an online wholesaler; a business to business supplier; and an online auction.

28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the data descriptive of the online transaction is received from one or more of: investment bank; a merchant bank; a commercial bank; a securities firm; a asset management company; a hedge fund; a mutual fund; a credit rating fund; a securities exchange and bourse; an investor; a law firm; and an accounting firm.

29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the data descriptive of the online transaction is received from a government entity.

30. (Currently amended) The method of claim 26 additionally comprising the step of generating a risk quotient based upon the portion of the risk data which is associated with at least one of the data descriptive of the online transaction and the identifier of one or more market participants associated with the online transaction.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the risk quotient is indicative of an amount of regulatory risk.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the risk quotient is additionally indicative of an amount of legal risk.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the risk quotient indicates an amount of risk associated with monetary costs related to at least one of fines, forfeitures and costs to defend an adverse position.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the risk data comprises world events.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the risk data comprises at least one government advisory.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the risk data comprises one or more obligations to know your customer according to government regulations.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the risk data comprises a list generated by at least one of: the Office of Foreign Assets Control; the U.S. Commerce Department; and the U.S. White House.

38. (Currently amended) The method of claim 30 additionally comprising the steps of generating a suggested action based upon at least one of: the risk quotient; the risk data; and the identifier of one or more market participants associated with the online transaction.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38 wherein the report additionally comprises a description of the suggested action.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the suggested action comprises limiting the scope of the online transaction.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the suggested action comprises notifying an authority.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the suggested action comprises discontinuing the online transaction.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 39 additionally comprising the step of mitigating adverse effects of a problematic account by presenting the report to at least one of: a regulatory body; shareholders; and news media.

44 -56. (Cancelled)